



Charlotte City Council
Intergovernmental Relations Committee
Summary Minutes
Monday, June 20, 2022

COMMITTEE AGENDA TOPICS

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COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Committee Members Present: Tariq Bokhari (Co-Chair), Julie Eiselt, Ed Driggs, and Matt Newton

Staff Resources: Dana Fenton, City Manager's Office
Denada Jackson, Office of Constituent Services
Nelson Freeman of KTS Strategies
John Easterling of KTS Strategies

Meeting Duration: 2:00 p.m. – 2:40 p.m.

DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS

Call to Order & Introductions

Co-Chair Bokhari allowed members (CMs Eiselt, Newton, Driggs) to introduce themselves and yielded to staff.

Agenda Overview

Dana Fenton reviewed the meeting agenda.

Federal Update

Staff presented a federal update that addressed the federal FY 2023 appropriations process, airfield improvement projects, LIFELINE act legislation, bipartisan infrastructure law, immigration reform, gun safety, and legislation concerning US competition with China. No questions were raised by the Committee.

State Update

Staff presented a State Update that addressed the General Assembly short session that convened on May 18, key session issues including appropriations, Medicaid expansion, medical cannabis, sports wagering, mobility, and legislation concerning commercial property plan reviews. Responses to comments and questions raised by Committee members are as follows:

- **NCDOT Capital Program:** Mr. Driggs asked about the schedule for NCDOT to adopt a new State Transportation Improvement Program that reflects the current expense and revenue realities for the

department. The NC Board of Transportation has scheduled the State Transportation Improvement Program for adoption at its June 2023 meeting.

- **Commercial Property Plan Review (HB 291 – Zenger):** After discussion around the potential impacts of HB 291 on the building code issuance process where Charlotte Fire Department expressed that more personnel may be needed to comply with the 21-day and 15-day permit issuance timeframe, it was expressed that these timeframes potentially present an unfunded mandate on local governments that would make the development process costlier. It was also expressed that it would be beneficial to review metrics relative to the building permit issuance process to see where the process can be streamlined to issue such permits without additional personnel and to check with key legislators on the bill's prognosis. It was also requested that key building permit data for Charlotte Water and Charlotte Fire Department be provided, which is in the process of compilation. Since June 20, HB 291 was scheduled for a hearing but was unexpectedly removed from the Senate Judiciary Committee calendar. Since then, it hasn't been scheduled for a hearing so staff will continue to monitor and report back as appropriate.

Functional Consolidation

Co-Chair Bokhari reiterated what Co-Chair Winston reported at the June 6 Strategy Session, which is that the County's Intergovernmental Relations Committee will be discussing this issue further at their next meeting scheduled in September.

Next Committee Meeting

Monday, September 19 at 2:00 p.m.